



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Guidance for any Healthcare Provider Diagnosed with COVID-19

Any healthcare provider (HCP) who undergoes testing for COVID-19 should self-isolate at home and not work while awaiting testing results.

Communicate with your Employer

- Immediately notify all your employers if you are having symptoms and/or if you are being tested for COVID-19.
- Identify any times and any days you worked while ill.

Isolate Yourself

- You should immediately strictly isolate yourself at home until your test results are available.
- See additional guidance from CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>.

If your test is Positive

- Remain isolated.
- DO not return to work for at least 14 day after you became ill. Your employer may require additional testing prior to returning.
- If you are asymptomatic, you should self-isolate and not work until for 14 days after testing was conducted.
- Stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home to the extent possible. Where possible, ask others such as friends or family, to get food or necessities for you.

Guidance for Healthcare Facilities with a Healthcare Provider Diagnosed with COVID-19

- Determine all the days the employee worked up to 48 hours prior to symptom onset and after.
- If the employee did not report any symptoms, determine all the days they worked on/after date of COVID-19 testing.
- Identify any patients and other employees who had close contact with the employee. Close contact is defined as spending more than a few minutes (10 minutes) within 6 feet of the employee with confirmed COVID-19.
- Patients who have been discharged should be notified and instructed to quarantine for 14 days after their exposure.
- Patients who remain hospitalized should be isolated and placed on Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions with Eye Protection for 14 days after their last exposure.
- Consider work exclusion of asymptomatic employees determined to be close contacts of a known COVID-19 case. If this is not possible, the employees who continue to work should wear surgical masks for their entire shift for 14 days after the exposure and should undergo daily symptom and temperature monitoring while continuing to work.
- Employees who become symptomatic during monitoring should be excluded from work.